[Mr. G. Narayana Pillai.]

(*b*) the total area assigned till this date and the balance available for disposal; and

(*c*) the taluks in which such lands lie and the assignable area available in each such taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Land Colonisation Rules, dated the 13th November 1924, and to G. O. Dis. No. 1314 of 25/Rev., dated the 20th October 1925, published in the *Government Gazette*, dated the 27th October 1925, regarding the constitution of Committees for the several taluks of the State, for earmarking, after inspection, the blocks of lands fit for disposal under the Land Colonisation Rules. It is only after the lists of lands earmarked by the Committees have been published in the *Government Gazette* as required by Rule 7 and after they become final under Rule 8, that steps for the assignment of the selected lands, under the Rules, can be started. It is therefore not possible now to furnish the information required by the member.

Action under Section 248 of the Municipal Regulation.

77. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether copies of resolutions passed by Municipalities are forwarded to Government in time, and, if so, whether action is being taken on them under Section 248 of the Municipal Regulation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Copies of resolutions on which orders of Government have to be obtained are forwarded to Government by the Municipal Councils in time. Copies of other resolutions are perused by Government before publication in the *Government Gazette*. Government do take action, if found necessary, under Section 248 of the Municipal Regulation, with respect to resolutions passed by the Councils.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Were the copies of the resolutions passed by the Municipal Council of Kottayam, last year, received by Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Do you mean the whole of last year?

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is a question which has to be answered after verification of the papers. The resolutions, as they are passed by the Council, have to be sent to Government under the Municipal Regulation, for examination and publication in the *Gazette*; and it is believed that they are being sent to Government. Whether all of them have come in will have to be verified.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Was a copy of any resolution received last year from the Municipal Council of Kottayam?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): As the member makes a definite assertion, I cannot answer without verifying the records.

Rules under Section 254 (f) of the Municipal Regulation.

78. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether Government have made any rules under Section 254 (*f*) of the Municipal Regulation; and, if not, will they be pleased to do so at an early date?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Part IV of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 17th May 1921, pages 728-733.

Appointment of a permanent Superintendent in the Stamp Manufactory.

79. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in filling up permanently the place of the Superintendent in the Stamp Manufactory?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The place of the Superintendent in the Stamp Manufactory is not permanently vacant.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know who the permanent incumbent is and where he is working at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is Mr. P. Vasudeva Kurup and he is working in the Divisional Treasury at Kottayam.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chiryinkil*): If there is no permanent vacancy in the Stamp Manufactory, may I know why there is a provision in the Revised Budget for a Superintendent on a scale of Rs. 150-200.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is the pay of the post.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is the present man only acting at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The present man is *sub pro tem* in that post.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Then, is it not a step towards confirmation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That cannot be said.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Financial Secretary has recommended or proposed any recommendation to confirm him in that place?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I am not prepared to say that.

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